# Major League Seasons Will Open April 23-Favorites Win Opening Tennis Rounds

# Johnson Announces Schedule Harold Taylor Of 140 Games for 1919 Season Easily Victor Harvard Club squash tennis play-

American League Chief Makes Known Result of Conference With Heydler-Dates To Be Fixed at French Lick-Boston Loses Big Holiday Fifty-two Players in Junior player, always put-

By W. J. Macbeth

The strange silence of Ban Johnson, president of the American League Harry Frazee, of the Red Sox, and Charles A. Comiskey, of the threw a couple of broadsides of grape-shot into him, is ex-Big Ban has been rigged out in his "Dan O'Learys," m shoeing through the East and elsewhere building up his fences against am should be inter-league council to be held in this city January 16. And Ban has Sixty-sixth Street, with the national ed results, take it from his customary line of free speech upon the

or than formerly. The te has not yet been de-e later start would run tedule almost as late ordinarily, so that the

the shorter schedule. American League club of kindred sentiment, by and Frazee alone

nt Schedule Meeting obnson's report it is quite he annual joint schedule he two major leagues, een customary to observe each mid-February, is to with this time in the intention. The schedule com-National League, which esident Heydler and Barwill meet Mr. Johnson k, Ind., on January 3 next schedules of 1919 for the

The rumor which associates the time of James E. Gaffney with the magnetive purchasers of the Boston and Sox, gave friend Jim a fine muckle, par to manufacture.

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tal tal continuous the world champions
that I do not think so much of the
theme as to buy the world champions
to make the experiment."

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present owners of the Braves are not
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direct any American League proposital the franchise baseball left here
tal there, but none would be so bold
tal to risk operating rival major league
chas on one park. It would be a great
theme if it would only work out. But
the fannoial Conditions regarding
tational League affairs in Boston are
but all they should be is evident. For
tals reason President Heydler visited
the Hub last week. But there is reaten to believe that succor is at handthe worst comes to the worst. Gaff-

lankees about every outlielder of note from the mighty Tyrus Raymond Cobb to the temperamental Bobby Roth late is no doubt Colonel Ruppert and go the limit to land the Peach, for he peach limit to land the Peach, he would be a great investment to hand the reach, he would be a great investment to hew York, irrespective of cost. Ty hot so popular in the City of the make the control of the make the cost of the make the cost of the cos Hegan and Direction appears primes \$500; five and a possibility of snaring one or two of facters. The Old Roman was quoted

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# At Indoor Nets

and Boys' National Title ting up a varied attack, and is capa-Tournaments

By Fred Hawthorne

The indoor lawn tennis season began junior and boys' tournaments begin- the handicap of the singles. Thirty-two youths were out losing a game

erally without any difficulty, although one of 49 aces and stiffer than expected. Harold L. Taystiffer than expected. Harold L. Taylor, national outdoor junior title holder, who was runner-up to E. H. Hendrickson last year in this tourney, won his first round match yesterday with conspicuous ease, defeating Michael E. Macksoud, of Boys' High School, by a score of 6-1, 6-0. Taylor completely outclassed his young opponent, scoring many points with beautiful passing shots down the side lines as Macksoud attempted to close in at the net position. the net position.

Taylor In Upper Half
Taylor is in the upper half of the draw, together with Frank T. Anderson, North Side and Long Island champion, and if the two play to form they look like probable opponents in the semifinal round. Anderson triumphed over Henry Brunnie, of Dwight School, by a score of 6-0, 6-1, his speedy footing on the court and his unusual variety of strokes delighting the spectators. Frank took eleven games in a row in this match and apparently held himself well in reserve at all times. He and Taylor should provide a rare struggle in the semi-final brackets.

Vincent Richards, national outdoor boy champion and holder of the national doubles title with William T. Tilden, 2d, of Philadelphia, and probably the most sensational figure in Taylor In Upper Half

ably the most sensational figure junior tennis in the history of the game in this country, is bracketed it the lower half of the draw, and if he displays anywhere near the skill h

ble of smashing the ball with lightning speed. Appel exability by winning this series of games

# Appel Outplays Clapp in Final Round Match of Squash Tourney

Harvard Club "Ace" Takes Three Brilliant Games From Yale Club Rival

By A. C. Cavagnaro

to-morrow (Christmas Day), but the tournament will be resumed on Thursday and the finals should be played on Saturday.

The summaries follow:

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Clapp's crushing defeat is best told in the recapitulation table, which shows that Appel actually made 78 points during the tourney, as against 18 for his rival.

SECOND GAME

# Golf Gossip

tiful placement shot, the panting Clapp declared that he was glad the match known finished.

Sixth race (three-year-olds and upward; claim-line purse \$500, one mile-Miss Filler, 105; Miss Francis, 108; Bile Rock, 108; Miss Francis, 110; Harwood, 113; Transportation, 113.

# **Eastern Clubs** Call Off Two Soccer Tours

Invasions of Middle States and West Deferred Until Conditions Get Settled

By C. A. Lovett

Cancellation of war contracts by the necessity of laying off many thousands a tough nut to crack. of workmen were directly responsible for cancellation of the two most promising inter-sectional soccer projects on

ising inter-sectional soccer projects on the card for the current season.

Early last week the management of the Bethlehem Steel Company Football Club announced abandonment of its proposed invasion of California at the holiday season. To soccer followers the development was a keen disappointment, as the trip of the national champions would bring together for the first time upon the soccer pitch the East and the Far West. And California, although somewhat isolated from other strong soccer centres, boasts a very high standard of play. Indeed, several progressive California teams have drawn stars from the Middle West and East, and include in their lime-ups several well known stars from the "old country."

Only this season Boyd and Harrison, two of the best known roving professionals on this side of the Atlantic, were reinstated as amateurs by the United States Football Association upon application of the California Football Association and are playing for a coast team after having put in successive seasons in New England, Canada and Illinois. All soccer football in the land of the native son is of the amateur variety, so-called, though every one intimately acquainted with the sport well knows that more often than not the "amateur" is paid more than the out-and-out professional.

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Bethlehem was keen for the expedition to the coast. Some wagers in live figures between officials of the Bethlehem Steel Company and of subsidiary plants in California were in prospect. The cost of sending a team to the coast would have mounted to between \$6,000 and \$7,000. The Bethlehem athletic management undoubtedly was \$6,000 and \$7,000. The Bethlehem athletic management undoubtedly was willing to risk a loss of several thousand dollars of the expenses of the trip—and a bad break in the weather would have resulted in just such a loss to it—but the California sportsmen, headed by Joseph Tynan and Sam Goodman, who at the suggestion of Thomas W. Cahill, U. S. F. A. secretary, proposed the visit from the national champions, lacked either sufficient time or sufficient enterprise to work up the proper sort of schedule for

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With spointer to J. Greenlent Cheerily, then, my little man Toil and slave while boyhood can. Though the work be rough and tough, You'll " get jerry" soon enough. All too soon in double span You will find yourself a MAN—
Then YOUR kids will make you fear CHRISTMAS, that comes EVERY year.

A Hard-Shell, Maybe Jack Dillon is said to be but a shell of his former self. He used to be

**BROWNS DEMOBILIZED** 

George Sisler has been discharged from the army. Manager Jimmy

Burke may now proceed with the customary spring preliminaries. PICKLED FISH AT ST. PAUL

The authorities last Sunday at St. Paul dumped several thousand gallons of confiscated "booze" into the stream that feeds the Mississippi.

Can You Beat It? The Lord moves in a mysterious way, all right. If we could only grant some of this weather around the first of May for the opening of the

Barring a sudden change in the weather, whether or not Kris Kringle gets by with his assignment, it will be tough sledding for the deer,

Add to Famous Come-Backs

baseball season!

SAFETY FIRST

N Sergeant Frank Goddard England believes she has a bruiser who can beat our heavyweight champion. No chance, Augustus, no chance! He's not going to snatch the laurel off the brows of our good Jess, no matter how capable he may be. Mr. Willard is far too retiring for that,

# Hardly So Reckless

Admiral Sims is said to have made King George laugh uproariously, May have intimated that the Browns and Cardinals would meet in the

NOT TO MENTION HIS HOUSE Looks as if Mr. Wilson intends to land some big fish in Europe, as he

took his favorite Creel with him. Sir Thomas Lipton's "Tee" shot against the New York Yacht Club

foursome seems to have carried into the rough, out of bounds.

Fair Enough
Regarding the prospective transfer of Red Sox and Yankee talent it

appears, as usual, that only the pitchers may balk.

SONG OF THE "HARD BOILED" Of all the grub at Xmas time

For folks would still admire me, But buy not-at a meg.

One Scoring Rule Unfair THERE is one rule in the book, which baseball scorers are obliged to follow, that should be amended before the opening of the next

That is the rule which permits the batter whose safety wins a ball game by scoring a previous batter with being credited for distance hitting only in the denominational distance from the home plate to the station at

which the runner stood who carries over the winning run, Ordinarily there is no fault to find with the rule. Its working is just about as broad as it is long. Sometimes it works to the advantage of the hitter. Take a slow runner, for instance, with a fast man like Cobb on first. Ty has been known to score from first base on what ordinarily would be no better than a single for his team-mate. If such a winning sprint happened to win the game then the batter would receive a three-

plan is "off" for | base instead of a one-base hit. The chief objection to the rule is in the matter of balls hit fairly into

the thing sare more settled in gen-tal, although it is practically certain the expedition will materialize a par hence at the holiday season, if not home run, no matter what the situation.

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dent Johnson in French Lick, Ind., on January 3 to draft the The National League, President Johnson said, voted unaniwhile six of the eight clubs in the 140 games. Harry Frazee, president of the Boston club, and Charles A. Comiskey, owner of

from Chicago as saying he was through with Joe Jackson and Hap Felsch. Either or both would look good here. Yet Commy is not in the habit of building up teams to beat his own White Sox. The sentiment against so-

# Columbia Declines Football Contest

Makle, not to mention chortle.

Tam in baseball difficulties enough a landlord as it is," said the former owner of the Braves and the present care of Braves' Field, "without runlage after more trouble.

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during the holidays there would be workouts only on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Havana Results

First race (claiming, for maiden-two year-elds, pure, \$500; fire and a half furlouga)—Major Domo, 112 (Thurber), 6 to 1, 5 to 2 and 6 to 5, won, 12 (Enumery, 10 to 1, account; Conscription, 164 (Murray), 20 to 1, 5 to 1 and 4 to 1, third. Time, 1141-5, Quick Step, Lowell, Miss Carey, Earnest, Little Mistress tand Proclous Jewel aiso ran.

Second race (claiming, for three-year-olds and upward; purse, \$500; five and a half furlougs)—Mabel Trask, 102 (Maher), 4 to 5 and out, word purse, \$500; five and a half furlougs)—Mabel Trask, 102 (Maher), 4 to 5 and out, word purse, \$600; five and a half furlougs)—Maled Trask, 102 (Maher), 4 to 5 and out, word purse, \$600; five and a half furlougs)—Thurber, 101 (March 1, 102 (Maher), 4 to 5 and out, word particular three purses \$500; strong shows a surgath from Ban Johnson, president of the American League.

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**Both Comiskey and** 

Frazee in Favor of

Usual Programme

HICAGO, Dec. 23.-The

1919 major league season will open on Wednesday,

president of the National League. The majors have definitely decided to play schedules of 140 The schedule committee of the National League, consisting of President Heydler and Barney Dreyfuss, president of the Pittsburgh club, will meet with Presi-

mously for the short season, American League also favored the Chicago Americans, held out for the usual programme of 154

several weeks has reaped a golden har-

With Pennsylvania

# The Summaries

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 20, 1918.

Dear Fred: I take pleasure in informing you of my being in Tulsa, trying to make a lot of money in the oil business. I have been very for-

"Hoping this will find you in the best of health, and with best wishes. I am, Yours very trul" JOHN J. REISLER."